

VELA Annual Meeting Minutes
Saturday July 8, 2017
Robert J Parks Library

BOD Attendees: Joe Plunkey, Carole Plunkey, Doug Jager, Celeste Creger, Leonard Brockhahn, Dave Swenson, Janice Wilber (Norm Ritter and Shirley Brockhahn positions open) – guest Pete Filpansick

Call to Order: 10 AM with pledge of allegiance

Reading of Minutes: Carole P read the minutes from the July meeting – approved as read

Treasurer's Report: Leonard B reported account balances of \$10,785 in checking and \$12,744 in savings. Proposed budget for 2017/18 presented and reviewed. Discussion regarding decreasing association dues in view of excess funds – decision to keep at \$20 per year as funds may be needed in future for unknown expenses. No decision yet on proposal by VELA to the township regarding waiving the boat launch fees for members – option to use dues monies to pay township for one time launching still on hold until survey next year to determine if majority of lake residents want such action.

Membership: Shirley B reported membership at 280

Weed Committee Report: Doug J and Pete F from Lake Pro gave overview of current treatment being performed on the lake and monies spent as regulated by SAD funding. No invasive Eurasian Milfoil spotted this year. Approx ¼ shoreline has been treated so far. Question was raised regarding effects of herbicides on removing weeds that aid fishing - survey results indicate many acres of native weeds to aid fishery even with eradication of unwanted weeds and random fishing spots have yielded good numbers of fish

Dam Update: Dam operator Greg Cole reported no work done yet on proposed projects on or near the dam – possibly in the Fall 2017

Endowment Fund: Carole P reported \$20,912.30 in the Total Fund - \$3,075.53 Spendable Account. No targeted projects for the funds to date.

Watershed Report: Carole P gave a review of current projects within the watershed, reminding members that priority projects involve reducing sediment coming down the Pine river and depositing in the lake. Brochures on PRVEL programs were made available. She invited everyone to their next meeting Thurs, July 13, at 10 am at the Harrisville library.

Lake Issues: Water Quality: Dan S reported that water clarity in May and June running about 5 ft 9 inches (compared to 7 ft last year at this time). He explained reasoning behind testing for phosphorus as well and suspected that his spring reading was not correct as reported by new lab being used – he to re-check. Well Water Contamination by PFO's – Joe P referenced the recent Community Newsletter from the township regarding an update on this issue and opened the floor for questions. Township trustee Bill Palmer was in attendance and answered questions. The Restoration Advisory Board is being set up and will have 2 VELA members on the board. Their first meeting is planned for August. No results yet from boring done in the lake itself – Carole P to follow-up with state officials. General opinion that VELA take measures to promote the lake, especially in regards to safety of all recreational

activities and safe eating of fish caught in the lake. Motion made and seconded to allocate up to \$5,000 to do this – motion voted on and passed. VELA board to discuss options to carry out this mission. Eat Safe Fish brochures were available to all in attendance.

Annual Picnic: Shirley Brockhahn gave an update on picnic preparations for this year – date held is always the first Saturday in August – all lake residents and their family/friends are welcome.

Election: Joe P stated 2 positions open for board elections as 3 current members willing to remain on board – 3 new members volunteered to serve - Leif Lindblom, Rick Copland, and Frank Rainey – current board member Janice Wilber graciously offered to step off board to allow 3 new members. New board voted in unanimously. Slate of officers to be determined after meeting.

Other: No other comments or questions from membership

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am

Respectfully Submitted, Carole Plunkey, Secretary